

## MANY HAPPY LEUDESORFFS.

BASKETBALL TEAMS, UMPIRE, REFEREE AND A NEW BOY.

He is the Twentieth, and His Proud Father Has Grandchildren Older—A Father in His Home, and He Can't Tell How Many More May Be Needed.

A clatter of feet across the hardwood floor and a chorus of shrill young voices were heard yesterday afternoon in the Leudesdorff home at 414 McDougal street, Brooklyn. A game of basketball was going on. There were enough of the Leudesdorff youngsters to make up two teams of five on a side and still have enough left over to umpire and referee the game. From the mother's room upstairs came a thin, wailing voice. That was the twentieth Leudesdorff. He arrived last Friday night.

"I guess there is not much danger of the name of Leudesdorff dying out in these parts," said Mr. Leudesdorff. "Just listen to those youngsters upstairs!"

Mozart, aged 13, had just made a goal from field. Samuel, aged 14, was protesting vigorously.

"Oh, I don't mind the noise. What father who is lucky enough to have a bunch like that would?"

Mozart's goal had ended the game and the young Leudesdorffs came trooping downstairs, joyously shouting for their father. They poured into the room where Mr. Leudesdorff was talking to a reporter, swarmed around his chair, embraced him, tackled him around the legs and gave about as strenuous an exhibition of affectionate childhood as could be imagined. Every now and then the wall of the twentieth Leudesdorff would come down through the hallway and the father would look happier than ever.

Emanuel Leudesdorff is wharf superintendent in Brooklyn in a union of steamship lines. He is 56 years old and Mrs. Leudesdorff is 41.

"There would be no danger of race suicide if every American citizen would go and do as I have done," said he yesterday. "I don't know whether President Roosevelt has heard about my interesting family, but I am expecting a letter from him almost any time. Still, if he attempted to present one of his autographed photographs to every one of my children, I am afraid he would get cramp of the wrist and run out of photos."

A dark-faced Neapolitan with a monkey bobbing on his back had stopped outside the Leudesdorff door with a street trumpet. There was a crash of music and the army of young Leudesdorffs charged outside, after exacting a tribute of copper cents from their father. The conversation was resumed in something approaching quiet.

"You might be interested in a little in the romance of my marriage," said Mr. Leudesdorff. "When I was about 31 years old I worked in a tailoring establishment kept by Mr. Newman, my wife's father. I didn't know many people here then and I was about the only one who was ever seen by Mr. Newman. He noticed that I was inclined to get a little down in the south and he told me to call at his house. There I met my wife. She was a girl of about 14 then. Well, we fell in love with each other and in a short time were married."

A dozen pairs of Leudesdorff feet were dancing outside to the music of "Mr. Dooley."

"There," said Mr. Leudesdorff, waving his hands expressively, "is the result. I've got sixteen children living," he continued, "and four have died. I don't know, but I am inclined to think that is pretty nearly a record for Brooklyn, and you know what they say about Brooklyn being a city of nurseries and baby carriages. At least, I am willing to hear from any other proud father who thinks he can beat it."

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## LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN.

When the theatres dismissed their audiences recently the playgoers found themselves turned out in the rain. All were unprepared for wet weather, for it had been clear early in the evening. Cabmen reaped a harvest, as they always do under such circumstances, but a shrewd Broadway shopkeeper saw his opportunity to make money, too, and he was quick to take advantage of it.

A shopkeeper's place is within calling distance of three theatres. His business is selling men's hats, but he carries a side line of umbrellas. As the theatregoers go out the shopkeeper stationed one of his clerks at his store to yell through a megaphone:

"Buy your umbrellas here, ladies and gentlemen, and save cab fare. Within an hour every umbrella in his store had been sold."

"Matches Mary" fell in front of one of the theatres a few nights ago, and when she was helped to her feet she had a slight scratch on her nose. She walked and pretended to be hurt until her stock of matches was sold. Then a policeman ordered her to move on.

"Go 'way with you," said the old woman, who dislikes policemen. "I'm hurt, an' I got a right to stay here, anyway."

"You can't be hurt, or you would not refuse to let me send for an ambulance," said the cop.

"How do you know," said the woman. "I ain't. Anyway, you're the one who make a report of me fall at the station, for I'm going to sue somebody."

The policeman had no intention of reporting Mary's accident. Her threat made him take a trip to the police station.

Many New Yorkers who are compelled by their work to sleep in the mornings suffer noises which they need not be compelled to endure. Night workers are frequently aroused by the beating of carpets and rugs. Persons living in residential sections of the city often hear the sound of back yards suffering from this nuisance.

Beating of rugs or carpets at any time is against the law in New York and the city of New York is prompt to remove citizens of this nuisance and others, which frequently are not known to be illegal but are prohibited under various penalties.

Signor Vigna, the little conductor of the opera at the Metropolitan, doesn't care for New York. He likes his washing done as in Italy, and consequently he keeps an accumulation of linen to carry home with him. The revenue inspectors do not care what he carries out of the country, but they were amazed yesterday when they saw his trunk, which had arrived on the Deutschland, find that they contained more than three hundred dress shirts and other linen in similar quantities.

The revenue inspectors, who are saving Signor Vigna from having to pay duty was the fortunate circumstance that his initials appeared on every article.

An occasional traveller, who within ten days has been a patron of barber shops in Philadelphia, Boston and New York, had this to say on the subject of tips:

"In Manhattan, as we all know, the tip is taken as a matter of course and the only way to surprise the barber is to omit it. I still be in the habit of giving a tip, but I am inclined to think that is pretty nearly a record for Brooklyn, and you know what they say about Brooklyn being a city of nurseries and baby carriages. At least, I am willing to hear from any other proud father who thinks he can beat it."

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TRENTON, N. J., Oct. 24.—John C. Shaw, who helped to defend Mrs. Fleming when she was tried in New York for poisoning her mother, Mrs. Evelyn M. Bliss, secured an order from Vice-Chancellor Bergen today enjoining his former client from prosecuting two suits begun by her in New York State, in each of which she claims \$40,000 due from Shaw on account of moneys received from the estate of her father, Robert Swift Livingstone. One of the suits was begun in the United States Circuit Court for the Southern District of New York and is on the calendar for trial on Nov. 7. The other was brought in the New York Supreme Court.

Mr. Shaw asserts that Mrs. Fleming, who is now Mrs. Henry A. Frey, is trying to make him the victim of a scheme to compel an accounting for moneys which she has already received and the vouchers for which she has some length into the details of the murder trial, which began May 11, 1896, and lasted six weeks.

Mrs. Fleming was indicted in 1895 and during the year or so spent in prison Mr. Shaw says he defrayed all her expenses, including a large amount of money required in the preparation of her defence and part of her trial. "Shaw made his first accounting in January, 1897, of all disbursements to that date, his statement and vouchers being approved by Mrs. Fleming. He made fifteen supplementary statements, which were also approved, covering the period to June 19, 1902, when he informed Mrs. Fleming that the entire fund, amounting to \$88,000, was ready."

In the meantime Mrs. Fleming had gone to Alaska, where she had married Henry R. Frey, with whom she is now living. The bill charges that Mrs. Frey is involved in a conspiracy against her former lawyer, and that before being paid him between \$600 and \$600 of the vouchers representing his disbursements, promising to return them immediately. This she failed to do, and she threatened to sue him for the balance of the vouchers.

The New York suits also contain an allegation that certain bonds belonging to the estate of Mrs. Bliss were sold by the Chamberlain of New York for forging the signature of Mrs. Fleming. This charge Mr. Shaw also denies, declaring that he is not a party to the suit, and that he is not a party to the suit, and that he is not a party to the suit.

Mrs. Frey has also threatened to sue for two volumes of the stenographer's transcript of her trial. Mr. Shaw says she did not ask for the transcript until about seven years after the trial, when he informed her she might have the record by sending to his office. Later he discovered that the transcript was not sent, and he has been lost or mislaid. He insists that these records are properly his, although he was willing to turn them over to Mrs. Frey.

The injunction of Vice-Chancellor Bergen enjoins Mrs. Frey from in any way prosecuting the pending suits in New York or other suits from the New York State Court of Chancery. The injunction is based upon the affidavit submitted by Mr. Shaw, together with the evidence that Mrs. Frey is within the jurisdiction of the Court of Chancery.

**MRS. WEINSEIMER IN COURT.**

Former Tenant Says That She Kicked Her in the Thigh.

Mrs. Kate Weinsheimer, the wife of Philip Weinsheimer, who was convicted last week of extortion, appeared before Magistrate Healy in Long Island City yesterday in answer to a summons obtained by Mrs. Annie Bolog. The Weinsheimers home is at 112 Jamaica avenue. Mrs. Weinsheimer on Oct. 13 brought a summons proceeding against Mrs. Bolog, a tenant of Weinsheimer before Justice Kadien in the Municipal Court and a decision was given in favor of the plaintiff. Mrs. Bolog secured the summons on the charge that when they were coming down the steps of the Municipal Court Mrs. Weinsheimer kicked her in the thigh.

Joseph Tuohy counsel for Mrs. Bolog, said that his client would be satisfied if Mrs. Weinsheimer was reprimanded, as Mrs. Bolog did not wish to have the accused woman severely punished.

Mrs. Weinsheimer denied that she had kicked Mrs. Bolog and was discharged.

**KILLED GOING TO SEE GIRL.**

Letter Complete Story of Young Man Found Dead on Railroad Bridge.

Trackmen of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad inspecting the bridge over the West Farms road in The Bronx yesterday afternoon found the decapitated body of a young man. The only means of identification was a letter addressed to George Jull, 185 Meadow street, New Haven, Conn. It was from a girl in Wallingford, Conn., who signed herself "Tot."

It asked the young man to get to her as soon as possible and to get her an extra bed, as she was supposed to be there. She was stealing a ride on a freight train and riding on top of a car when his head struck the bridge. The body was taken to Fordham morgue.

**ROBBED IN A CEMETERY BY A NEGRO.**

MOBILE, Ala., Oct. 24.—Miss Mabel Webb, a well known young woman of this city, was robbed in daylight today while visiting the tomb of relatives in Magnolia Cemetery. A negro threw her to the ground and snatched her purse, containing money and papers. The man made good his escape.

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